

Elin Swanson Katz, Consumer Counsel

Elin Swanson Katz was appointed Connecticut's Consumer Counsel in October 2011. Under her leadership, the Office of Consumer Counsel is investigating the historic power outages of 2011 following Tropical Storm Irene and the Halloween Nor'easter, and crafting recommendations and legislation to avoid a recurrence. She also negotiated the settlement of the Northeast Utilities - NStar merger with Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen and other state officials. The settlement brings hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits to Connecticut ratepayers, preserves jobs, advances important energy policies, and secures thousands of acres of open space. Ms. Katz also serves *ex officio* on the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board and chairs the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board.

Ms. Katz graduated from Cornell University and received her J.D. cum laude from Boston University School of Law. She also holds a Master's in English with honors from Trinity College. Prior to joining the OCC, Ms. Katz practiced at law firms in Washington, D.C.; Boston; and Hartford. She also served as Assistant Counsel at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and taught at Trinity College in Hartford.